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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

[No meetings are scheduled at Headquarters *today*, 25 November 1999, *official holiday*.]

Friday, 26 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

1. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.6 *(item 101 (b))*

2. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.21*(item 99 (c))*, A/C.2/54/L.13 *(item 99 (b))*, A/C.2/54/L.20 *(item 99 (a))*, A/C.2/54/L.34 *(item 98 (b))*, A/C.2/54/L.35 *(item 98 (b))* and A/C.2/54/L.39 *(item 99 (f))*

Announcement

An open debate of the Security Council will be held on Monday, 29 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the role of the Security Council in the prevention of armed conflicts.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (c)

The delegation of Belarus, on behalf of the co-sponsors, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on draft resolution A/54/L.22 on the strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster, to be held on Friday, 26 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultation on agenda item 20 (b)

The delegation of Ukraine, on behalf of co-sponsors, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on the economic assistance to the Eastern European States affected by the recent developments related to the former Yugoslavia, to be held on Friday, 26 November 1999, in Conference Room 9, in the morning (following the adjournment of the informal consultations on agenda item 20 (c)).

Informal consultations on agenda item 39

The Permanent Mission of Romania will hold a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the "Code of Democratic Conduct", contained in document A/54/L.23 under item 39 (Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies), on Friday, 26 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 26 November 1999

AFRICAN GROUP: GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on item 20: humanitarian assistance issues)

10 a.m.-12 noon	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on item 97 (a) (Financing for development) : A/C.2/54/L.25)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 November 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 29 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 64th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [39]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/492)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/54/L.23, A/54/L.33)

3 p.m. 65th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Question of Palestine [44]:

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/54/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/457)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/54/L.42, A/54/L.43, A/54/L.44, A/54/L.45)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 35

The delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the European Union draft resolution on "Assistance in mine action" on Monday, 29 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (b)

The delegation of Canada invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Assistance for humanitarian relief, rehabilitation, and development for East Timor", to be held on Monday, 29 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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The Disarmament Commission will hold open-ended informal consultations on its substantive agenda item and other organizational matters in Conference Room 1, on Monday, 29 November, at 11.30 a.m., and on Tuesday, 30 November 1999, at 3 p.m.

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The third session of the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court will be held from 29 November to 17 December 1999, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 53/105 of 10 December 1998.

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Friends of the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences

The Chairman of the Committee on Conferences will hold informal consultations with interested members of the Committee on Conferences on Tuesday, 30 November 1999, at 2 p.m. in Conference Room D, to review a proposal affecting the draft calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000-2001 in accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 35/10 A (A/AC.172/1999/CRP.11).

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, 29 November 1999, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/40 B of 2 December 1977.

All representatives of Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies, as well as observers, are invited to attend. Messages of solidarity should be sent to room S-3362 (United Nations Headquarters).

Exhibit

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian art exhibit entitled "Follow the Star: Images from the Palestinian City of Bethlehem at the New Millennium", in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed from Monday, 29 November, to Sunday, 12 December 1999, at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

The formal opening of the exhibit will be held on Monday, 29 November 1999, at 6 p.m. in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of films

Also in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of the films entitled "Yoom ilak, Yoom aleik: Palestinian Refugees from Jerusalem, 1948: Heritage, Eviction and Hope", and "Mahmoud Darwish: As The Land is The Language." Both films will be shown on Monday, 29 November, at 1 p.m. at the Dag Hammarksjöld Library Auditorium. The film on Mahmoud Darwish can be viewed at the exhibit area from Tuesday, 30 November, to Friday, 10 December, during exhibit hours.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations on Monday, 29 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The informal consultations will focus on the basic structure of the outcome of the session, as well as modalities for participation by non-governmental organizations. Further consultations will be held on Tuesday, 30 November, Wednesday, 1 December, and Thursday, 2 December, at 10 a.m., and on Friday, 3 December 1999, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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The next meeting of the Economic and Social Council, to consider all outstanding matters, will take place on Thursday, 9 December 1999, at 10.30 a.m. Informal consultations on pending issues will take place on Monday, 6 December, at 10 a.m. The conference room will be announced.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 2.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 2000* on Friday, 10 December 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the political declaration on "Women 2000")* on Monday, 29 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be a meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on Tuesday, 30 November 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Special presentation

There will be a presentation on "Social Policy in a Development Context" by Mr. Thandika Mkandawire, Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), on Friday, 3 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting, to be chaired by H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile), is organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Fei Cheng (tel.: (212) 963-7882).

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The course will be held from Monday, 6 to Wednesday, 15 December 1999.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent missions of all States that will be members of the Council in the year 2000. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Workshops

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing, jointly with the German Management Academy (DMAN) and with support from the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), the second session in the series entitled "Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainable Development". Session II will be on "Financing for Development Through Public-Private Partnership." The workshop will be held on the following dates: Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 8 December, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, a nomination form and a draft programme, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 30 November 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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There will be a technical workshop, organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the Program on Security and Development (SAND) of the Monterrey Institute of International Studies (MIIS) and the Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC), on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss a draft Light Weapons Field Guide for Development and Humanitarian Relief Workers being developed by SAND and BICC. The workshop will be chaired by the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala. Members of permanent missions and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. Copies of the draft Field Guide may be retrieved from the office of Mr. David Biggs, Conventional Arms Branch, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3170G; tel.: (212) 963-5598).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 24 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

4071st meeting

The situation in the Middle East

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/1999/1189)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1999/1189, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1999/1189).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1999/1189) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1276 (1999).

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1999/33).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE 4th meeting

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly and allocation of items: request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by several Member States (A/54/235) [8]

The representative of Sri Lanka, under rule 43 of the rules of procedure, made a statement concerning his request for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "International recognition of the Day of Vesak" (A/54/235).

Statements were made by the representative of Thailand and Cyprus.

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, statements were made by the representatives of India, Spain, Bangladesh, Pakistan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Bhutan.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the additional item should be included in the agenda of the current session and that it should be considered directly in the plenary meeting.

The General Committee was informed that the General Assembly would consider the report of the General Committee on action taken at the meeting at a later date to be announced.

62nd plenary meeting

Tribute to the memory of H.E. Mr. Amintore Fanfani, President of the twentieth session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly observed one minute of silence.

The representative of Italy made a statement.

Oceans and the Law of the Sea [40]:

(a) Law of the Sea:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/429 and Corr.1 (English only) and Corr.2 (French only))

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.31)

(b) Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/461)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.28)

(c) Results of the review by the Commission on Sustainable Development of the sectoral theme of "oceans and seas":

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/429 and Corr.1 (English only) and Corr.2 (French only))

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.32)

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Nigeria, Belarus, Australia, Belize, Samoa and Indonesia.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/204 of 17 December 1996, the President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/6 of 24 October 1996, the Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority made a statement.

The representative of Turkey made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

The representative of France made a statement on a point of order.

The representative of Japan made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

By 129 votes to 1 with 4 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.31 (resolution 54/31).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.28 (resolution 54/32).

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.32 (resolution 54/L.33).

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Malaysia, Viet Nam, China and the Philippines.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 40.

Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal: draft resolution (A/54/L.26) [22]

The Vice-President made a statement.

The representative of Australia made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.26.

Statements were made by the representatives of Greece and Algeria.

63rd plenary meeting

Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal: draft resolution (A/54/L.26) [22]

Statements were made by the representatives of Cyprus, Croatia, the United States, Argentina, the Russian Federation, Jamaica and Monaco.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.26 (resolution 54/34).

The General Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 22.

Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [41]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/447)

(b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.35)

The representative of Argentina made a statement in the course of which he introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/54/L.35.

Statements were made by the representatives of Togo, Nigeria, Brazil, Angola and Benin.

By 97 votes to 0 with 1 abstention (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.35, as orally revised (resolution 54/35).

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The General Assembly concluded its consideration of agenda item 41.

Programme of work

The President of the General Assembly informed the Assembly that agenda item 31 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity) would be taken up on Tuesday, 7 December, in the morning, as the third item and that the reports of the Sixth Committee would be taken up on Thursday, 9 December, in the afternoon. The President also informed the Assembly that agenda item 28 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization), originally scheduled for Monday, 6 December, would be taken up on Thursday, 9 December, in the morning as the second item.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 43rd meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

(g) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.9 and L.45

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.45.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.9 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted a draft decision taking note of document A/54/328.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 99 (g).

Environment and sustainable development [100]

(b) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.29 and L.43

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.43.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.29 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.28 and L.44

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.2/54/ L.44.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.28 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 100 (b).

Operational activities for development [101]

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.5 and L.47

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.47.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.5 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Training and research [102]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.26 and L.42

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.42.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution the representative of Finland (on behalf of the European Union) informed the Committee that the following countries would have co-sponsored draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.42 had it not become a Vice-Chairman's text: Argentina, Armenia, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Croatia, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Hungary, Iceland, Kyrgyzstan, Malawi, Malta, Morocco, Nicaragua, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Senegal, Tagikistan, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United States, Uzbekistan and Venezuela.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.26 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.30 and L.46

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.46.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.30 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.31 and L.41

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.41.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.31 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

After the adoption of the draft resolution the representative of Egypt made a statement.

Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

(c) Trade and development

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.40

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), reported to the Committee on the informal consultations held on the draft resolution.

The representative of the United States requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution.

The draft resolution was adopted by a recorded vote of 94 to 2, with 43 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote, were made by the representatives of Armenia and Finland (on behalf of the European Union).

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [103]

*Action on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.32**

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), reported to the Committee on the informal consultations held on the draft resolution, and corrected the text.

The representative of the United States requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Israel and the United States.

The draft resolution was adopted, as corrected, by a recorded vote of 132 to 3 with 5 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote, were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Bulgaria, Japan and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 103.

Organization of work

The Chairman responded to a question raised by the representative of Morocco.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 1999

42nd and 43rd meetings

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

The Committee continued and concluded the public part of its consideration of the initial report of Cameroon (E/1990/5/Add.35).

In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Accession: Uganda (23 November 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Background briefings

In addition to the daily noon press briefing given by the Spokesman for the Secretary-General, all background briefings given to the press may now be viewed by delegations in Viewing Room 4, which is located in the corridor connecting the Viennese Cafe with the public concourse.

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World AIDS Day

An observance of World AIDS Day will be held on Wednesday, 1 December 1999, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The theme is "The Children Left Behind," children who have been orphaned by the AIDS-related deaths of one or both parents. Speakers include the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General, United States First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, H.M. Queen Noor Al Hussein of Jordan and UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador Harry Belafonte. Three children orphaned by AIDS, from the United States, Uganda and Thailand, will tell their stories to Children's Express Reporter Alexandra Burke, followed by two panels: "Child care, Child welfare and clinical issues" and "Finance and funding issues". The observance is co-sponsored by Department of Public Information (DPI), the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Inc. (BLCA), the Magic Johnson Foundation, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the World Bank, the White House Office of National AIDS Policy and the Global Health Council. Delegations and accredited media are welcome; Secretariat staff and NGOs will be admitted, space permitting, to the public gallery.

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Monday, 29 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

12.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Role of the Security Council in the prevention of armed conflicts

Other matters

3 p.m.	4072nd meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Role of the Security Council in the prevention of armed conflicts

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(b) Draft resolutions (A/54/L.23, A/54/L.33)

(c) Amendments (A/54/L.46)

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(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/457)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/54/L.42, A/54/L.43, A/54/L.44, A/54/L.45)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

1. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.37 *(item 97 (c))*

2. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.3 *(item 105)*, A/C.2/54/L.7 *(item 100)*, A/C.2/54/L.14 *(item 100 (a))*, A/C.2/54/L.15 *(item 100 (c))*, A/C.2/54/L.16 *(item 100)*, A/C.2/54/L.18 *(item 100 (d))*, A/C.2/54/L.22 *(item 100)*, A/C.2/54/L.23 *(item 100 (f))*

3. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.10 *(item 99 (d))*, A/C.2/54/L.11 *(item 99 (e))*, A/C.2/54/L.13 *(item 99 (b))*, A/C.2/54/L.20 *(item 99 (a))*, A/C.2/54/L.27 *(item 98(a))*, A/C.2/54/L.34 *(item 98 (b))* and A/C.2/54/L.35 *(item 98 (b))*

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol. I, II and III, A/54/7, A/54/16, A/C.5/54/18, A/C.5/54/19, A/53/833, A/C.5/54/20, A/C.5/54/16, A/54/643, A/C.5/54/15, A/C.5/54/27, A/C.5/54/17, A/C.5/54/21, A/53/955, A/C.5/54/25, A/53/794, A/C.5/54/14, A/C.5/51/57 and A/52/7/Add.2))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 126 (United Nations common system (A/54/30, A/53/688, A/54/434, A/54/483 and A/C.5/54/24))

6.30 p.m.-9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (Pattern of Conferences (A/54/32, A/54/176, A/54/208, A/54/221, A/54/262, A/53/833, A/53/919 and Corr.1 (French only), and Add.1 and Corr.1 (Russian only), and Add.2 and Corr.1 (French only), A/54/7, A/52/1000, A/52/7, A/53/257, A/51/946, A/52/685, A/53/16 and A/53/669))

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Third session

10 a.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 4

WORKING GROUP ON THE CRIME OF AGGRESSION

Morning*-1 p.m.		Conference Room 4

* Following the adjournment of the 9th meeting of the Preparatory Commission.

WORKING GROUP ON
RULES OF PROCEDURE
AND EVIDENCE RELATED TO
PARTS 9 AND 10 OF THE STATUTE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.		Conference Room 4

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE
AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Use of general temporary assistance for specific positions

DISARMAMENT COMMISSION

11.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room A

Open-ended informal consultations on substantive agenda items and other organizational matters

COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE
OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS
OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	249th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 35

The delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the European Union draft resolution on "Assistance in mine action" on Monday, 29 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (b)

The delegation of Canada invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Assistance for humanitarian relief, rehabilitation, and development for East Timor", to be held on Monday, 29 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20

The delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the European Union draft resolution on "Safety and security on humanitarian personnel and the protection of the United Nations personnel", on Monday, 29 November 1999 from 4 to 7 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations on Monday, 29 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The informal consultations will focus on the basic structure of the outcome of the session, as well as modalities for participation by non-governmental organizations. Further consultations will be held on Tuesday, 30 November, Wednesday, 1 December, and Thursday, 2 December, at 10 a.m., and on Friday, 3 December 1999, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 29 November 1999

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on A/C.2/54/L.34 and L.35: business and development)

9.30 a.m.-11 a.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(on the political declaration on "Women 2000")

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

GROUP OF 77
(on item 20: humanitarian assistance issues)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

10 a.m.-12 noon	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on all environment-related draft resolutions)

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on A/C.2/54/L.3: poverty eradication)

2 p.m.-3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(coordination meeting on draft resolutions on trade and development (A/C.2/54/L.36), globalization (A/C.2/54/L.19), financing of development (A/C.2/54/L.38), external debt (A/C.2/54/L.2) and other matters)

6 p.m.-8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM) will be held on Monday, 29 November 1999, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 November 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 30 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

3 p.m.	66th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

The situation in the Middle East [43]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/54/457, A/54/495)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/54/L.40, A/54/L.41)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	44th meeting	Conference Room 2
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the 44th meeting of the Second Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	40th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (b)

The delegation of the Russian Federation invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on the assistance for humanitarian relief and the economic rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, to be held on Tuesday, 30 November 1999, at 10.30 in Conference Room 7.

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Friends of the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences

The Chairman of the Committee on Conferences will hold informal consultations with interested members of the Committee on Conferences on Tuesday, 30 November 1999, at 2 p.m. in Conference Room D, to review a proposal affecting the draft calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000-2001 in accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 35/10 A (A/AC.172/1999/CRP.11).

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An open-ended informal meeting of the Disarmament Commission will take place on Tuesday, 30 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1. All Member States are invited to attend.

The 1999 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission will take place on Thursday, 2 December 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. All Member States are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Economic and Social Council, to consider all outstanding matters, will take place on Thursday, 9 December 1999, at 10.30 a.m. Informal consultations on pending issues will take place on Monday, 6 December, at 10 a.m. The conference room will be announced.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 2.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 2000* on Friday, 10 December 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on Tuesday, 30 November 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Special presentation

There will be a presentation on "Social Policy in a Development Context" by Mr. Thandika Mkandawire, Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), on Friday, 3 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting, to be chaired by H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile), is organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Fei Cheng (tel.: (212) 963-7882).

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The course will be held from Monday, 6 to Wednesday, 15 December 1999.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent missions of all States that will be members of the Council in the year 2000. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Workshops

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing, jointly with the German Management Academy (DMAN) and with support from the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), the second session in the series entitled "Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainable Development". Session II will be on "Financing for Development Through Public-Private Partnership." The workshop will be held on the following dates: Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 8 December, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, a nomination form and a draft programme, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 30 November 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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There will be a technical workshop, organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the Program on Security and Development (SAND) of the Monterrey Institute of International Studies (MIIS) and the Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC), on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss a draft Light Weapons Field Guide for Development and Humanitarian Relief Workers being developed by SAND and BICC. The workshop will be chaired by the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala. Members of permanent missions and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. Copies of the draft Field Guide may be retrieved from the office of Mr. David Biggs, Conventional Arms Branch, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3170G; tel.: (212) 963-5598).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 25 November 1999

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

44th and 45th meetings

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

The Committee began its consideration of the third periodic report of Mexico (E/1994/104/Add.18). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on psychotropic substances. Vienna, 21 February 1971

Accession: Liechtenstein (24 November 1999)*

Protocol amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961. Geneva, 25 March 1972

Ratification: Liechtenstein (24 November 1999)*

Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the Protocol of 25 March 1972 amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961. New York, 8 August 1975

Participation in the Convention by virtue of ratification of the Protocol of 25 March 1972: Liechtenstein (24 November 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction. Paris, 13 January 1993

Ratification: Liechtenstein (24 November 1999)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Ratification: Bulgaria (24 November 1999)*

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Optional Protocol will be opened for signature at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 10 December 1999 by any State that has signed, ratified or acceded to the Convention, in accordance with its article 15 (1).

Delegations are advised to contact the Treaty Section in advance to arrange appointments for signature (Room 3200, tel.: 963-5047; fax: 963-3693).

It is also advised that delegations intending to sign the Protocol submit, where necessary, full powers in advance to the Treaty Section.

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Background briefings

In addition to the daily noon press briefing given by the Spokesman for the Secretary-General, all background briefings given to the press may now be viewed by delegations in Viewing Room 4, which is located in the corridor connecting the Viennese Cafe with the public concourse.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibit

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian art exhibit entitled "Follow the Star: Images from the Palestinian City of Bethlehem at the New Millennium", in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed from Monday, 29 November, to Sunday, 12 December 1999, at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

The formal opening of the exhibit will be held on Monday, 29 November 1999, at 6 p.m. in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of films

Also in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of the films entitled "Yoom ilak, Yoom aleik: Palestinian Refugees from Jerusalem, 1948: Heritage, Eviction and Hope", and "Mahmoud Darwish: As The Land is The Language." Both films will be shown on Monday, 29 November, at 1 p.m. at the Dag Hammarksjöld Library Auditorium. The film on Mahmoud Darwish can be viewed at the exhibit area from Tuesday, 30 November, to Friday, 10 December, during exhibit hours.

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World AIDS Day

An observance of World AIDS Day will be held on Wednesday, 1 December 1999, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The theme is "The Children Left Behind," children who have been orphaned by the AIDS-related deaths of one or both parents. Speakers include the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General, United States First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, H.M. Queen Noor Al Hussein of Jordan and UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador Harry Belafonte. Three children orphaned by AIDS, from the United States, Uganda and Thailand, will tell their stories to Children's Express Reporter Alexandra Burke, followed by two panels: "Child care, Child welfare and clinical issues" and "Finance and funding issues". The observance is co-sponsored by Department of Public Information (DPI), the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Inc. (BLCA), the Magic Johnson Foundation, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the World Bank, the White House Office of National AIDS Policy and the Global Health Council. Delegations and accredited media are welcome; Secretariat staff and NGOs will be admitted, space permitting, to the public gallery.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 30 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Haiti (S/1999/908, S/1999/1184 and S/1999/1202)*

International Court of Justice (S/1999/1197)*

Democratic Republic of the Congo**

Other matters

Morning***	4072nd meeting (resumed)	Security Council Chamber

Role of the Security Council in the prevention of armed conflicts

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* With a view to a formal meeting.

** Possibly followed by a formal meeting.

*** To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	66th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	67th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Question of Palestine [44]:

   (a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/54/35)

   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/457)

   (c) Draft resolutions (A/54/L.42, A/54/L.43, A/54/L.44, A/54/L.45)

2. The situation in the Middle East [43]:

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/54/457, A/54/495)

   (b) Draft resolutions (A/54/L.40, A/54/L.41)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

1. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.16 *(item 100)*, A/C.2/54/L.17 *(item 100)* and the draft resolution entitled "Promoting an integrated management approach to the Caribbean Sea area in the context of sustainable development" *(item 100 (f))*

2. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.13 *(item 99 (b))*, A/C.2/54/L.20 *(item 99 (a))*, A/C.2/54/L.27 *(item 98 (a)) and* A/C.2/54/L.39 *(item 99 (f))*

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	40th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Human resources management [164] (A/53/955, A/54/257, A/54/272, A/54/276, A/54/279 et Corr.1, A/C.5/54/2, A/C.5/54/L.3, A/54/164, A/54/165, A/C.5/54/4, A/C.5/54/21 and A/54/450)

   Conclusion of general discussion

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [118]

   Human resources management [164]

   Gratis personnel (A/53/1028, A/54/470 and A/54/533)

   Conclusion of general discussion

3. Programme planning [120] (A/54/16, A/54/89, A/54/117, A/54/125 and A/C.5/54/12)

   Introduction and general discussion

4. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

   Revised estimates arising out of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1999 (A/54/443 and A/54/7/Add.2)

   Conclusion of general discussion

5. Pattern of conferences [124] (A/C.5/54/28)

   Introduction and general discussion

6. Organization of work

7. Other matters

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 125 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/54/11))

6.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (Pattern of conferences (A/54/32, A/54/176, A/54/208, A/54/221, A/54/262, A/53/833, A/53/919 and Corr.1 (French only), and Add.1 and Corr.1 (Russian only), and Add.2 and Corr.1 (French only), A/54/7, A/52/1000, A/52/7, A/53/257, A/51/946, A/52/685, A/53/16 and A/53/669))

9.30 p.m.- 12.30 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol. I, II and III, A/54/7, A/54/16, A/C.5/54/18, A/C.5/54/19, A/53/833, A/C.5/54/20, A/C.5/54/16, A/54/643, A/C.5/54/15, A/C.5/54/27, A/C.5/54/17, A/C.5/54/21, A/53/955, A/C.5/54/25, A/53/794, A/C.5/54/14, A/C.5/51/57 and A/52/7/Add.2))

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Third session

9 a.m.- 11 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the rules of procedure and evidence Part 4 of the Statute)

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the rules of procedure and evidence Parts 9 and 10 of the Statute)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on elements of crimes

WORKING GROUP ON ELEMENTS OF CRIMES

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	Conference Room 4

WORKING GROUP ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND EVIDENCE RELATED TO PARTS 9 AND 10 OF THE STATUTE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	Conference Room 4

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET)
2. Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.36: International Civilian Mission in Haiti/International Civilian Support Mission in Haiti
3. Draft reports

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (b)

The delegation of the Russian Federation invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on the assistance for humanitarian relief and the economic rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, to be held *today*, 30 November 1999, at 10.30 in Conference Room 7.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/54/L.23

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the General Assembly draft resolution A/54/L.23 on the "Code of Democratic Conduct" under agenda item 39 (Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies) *today*, 30 November 1999, at 3.30 p.m. in room S-3527B.

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Friends of the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences

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An open-ended informal meeting of the Disarmament Commission will take place *today*, 30 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1. All Member States are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

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ARAB GROUP OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

9 a.m.- 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

9.30 a.m.- 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

AFRICAN GROUP
(on Fifth Committee matters)

Morning*- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 40th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES

12 noon- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on business and development (A/C.2/54/L.34 and L.35))

1.30 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

CENTRAL AMERICAN GROUP

3.15 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77
(on the political declaration on "Women 2000")

3.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(coordination meeting: business and development (A/C.2/54/L.34 and L.35); financing for development (A/C.2/54/L.25); and all other pending issues)

6 p.m.- 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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Briefing

The Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, H.E. Chief Emeka Anyaoku, will brief the Permanent Representatives of Commonwealth Member States *today*, 30 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Announcement

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 1 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

3 p.m. 68th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Reduction of military budgets: report of the First Committee (A/54/551) [64]

2. Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/54/552) [65]

3. Question of Antarctica: report of the First Committee (A/54/553) [66]

4. Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament and non-proliferation agreements: report of the First Committee (A/54/554) [67]

5. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification: report of the First Committee (A/54/555) [68]

6. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace: report of the First Committee (A/54/556) [69]

7. African Nuclear-Weapon-Free-Zone Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/54/557) [70]

8. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security: report of the First Committee (A/54/558) [71]

9. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/54/559) [72]

10. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/54/560) [73]

11. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/54/561) [74]

12. Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the First Committee (A/54/562) [75]

13. General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/54/563) [76]

14. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly [77]:

    (a) Report of the First Committee (A/54/564)

    (b) Amendments (A/54/L.39)

15. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the First Committee (A/54/565) [78]

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22. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/54/572) [85]

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SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	44th meeting	Conference Room 1
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	45th meeting	Conference Room 1
Afternoon**	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 1

* Following the adjournment of the 44th meeting of the Second Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the 45th meeting of the Second Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark) on Thursday, 2 December 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

There will be a briefing by H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran), Coordinator of the open-ended informal consultations of the General Assembly on the report of the Secretary-General on environment and human settlements (A/53/463), on Thursday, 2 December 1999, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The Coordinator will brief delegations on his report on these consultations which can be retrieved from the Web Site of the Iranian Mission at the following address: http://www.un.int/iran (Second Committee - Statements).

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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The 1999 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission will take place on Thursday, 2 December 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. All Member States are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Economic and Social Council, to consider all outstanding matters, will take place on Thursday, 9 December 1999, at 10.30 a.m. Informal consultations on pending issues will take place under the chairmanship of the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. F. Paolo Fulci (Italy), on Monday, 6 December, at *3 p.m.* The conference room will be announced.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 2.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 2000* on Friday, 10 December 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

The announcements in this section are reproduced as received. The designations employed do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be meetings of the Arab Group of the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court on Wednesday, from 1 to 3 December 1999, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room A.

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There will be a meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on Wednesday, 1 December 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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The Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations will conduct a consultation on the evolving relationship between non-governmental organizations and the United Nations, on Wednesday, 1 December 1999, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Special presentation

There will be a presentation on "Social Policy in a Development Context" by Mr. Thandika Mkandawire, Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), on Friday, 3 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting, to be chaired by H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile), is organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Fei Cheng (tel.: (212) 963-7882).

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The course will be held from Monday, 6 to Wednesday, 15 December 1999.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent missions of all States that will be members of the Council in the year 2000. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Workshops

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing, jointly with the German Management Academy (DMAN) and with support from the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), the second session in the series entitled "Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainable Development". Session II will be on "Financing for Development Through Public-Private Partnership." The workshop will be held on the following dates: Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 8 December, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, a nomination form and a draft programme, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is *today*, 30 November 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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There will be a technical workshop, organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the Program on Security and Development (SAND) of the Monterrey Institute of International Studies (MIIS) and the Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC), on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss a draft Light Weapons Field Guide for Development and Humanitarian Relief Workers being developed by SAND and BICC. The workshop will be chaired by the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala. Members of permanent missions and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. Copies of the draft Field Guide may be retrieved from the office of Mr. David Biggs, Conventional Arms Branch, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3170G; tel.: (212) 963-5598).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 29 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

4072nd meeting

Role of the Security Council in the prevention of armed conflicts

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Australia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Croatia, Egypt, Finland, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Japan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, the Republic of Korea, Senegal, South Africa, the Sudan, Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates and Zambia, at their request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, France, Argentina, Canada, the United Kingdom, China, the Russian Federation, Bahrain, Malaysia, Brazil, Gabon, the Gambia, Namibia and the Netherlands.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Finland (on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Slovakia - and the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta, as well as the EFTA country member of the EEA, Iceland, which aligned themselves with the statement), the United Arab Emirates, South Africa, Australia, the Sudan, the Republic of Korea, Belarus and Japan.

The meeting was suspended.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

64th plenary meeting

Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [39]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/492)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/54/L.23, A/54/L.33)

(c) Amendments (A/54/L.46)

The representative of Romania made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/54/L.23 and A/54/L.33.

The representative of Algeria made a statement in the course of which he introduced the amendments to draft resolution A/54/L.23 contained in document A/54/L.46.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine, Croatia and Norway; H.E. Ms. Nyam-Osor Tuya, Minister for External Relations of Mongolia; the representatives of Yemen, the United States, India, the Philippines, Hungary, Uzbekistan, Finland (on the behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Rumania, Slovakia and Slovenia), the Niger, Nicaragua, Chile, Bangladesh, Argentina, Botswana, Benin and Belarus.

The General Assembly was informed that it would take action on draft resolution A/54/L.23 and the amendments thereto contained in document A/54/L.46 at a later date to be announced.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.33 (resolution 54/36).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 39.

65th plenary meeting

Question of Palestine [44]:

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/54/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/457)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/54/L.42, A/54/L.43, A/54/L.44, A/54/L.45)

The Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/54/L.42, A/54/L.43, A/54/L.44 and A/54/L.45.

The Rapporteur of the Committee introduced the Committee's report (A/54/35).

The Head of the Observer Delegation of Palestine made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, South Africa, Israel, Egypt, Algeria, Tunisia, China and Yemen.

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT
Third session 9th meeting

The Chairman of the Preparatory Commission declared open the third session of the Commission and made a statement.

The representative of Fiji made a statement.

COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE 249th meeting

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Chairman made a statement.

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The President of the Security Council made a statement.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine read out a message from Mr. Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization and President of the Palestinian Authority.

The Chairman of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories made a statement.

The representative of South Africa read a message of the Chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement.

The representative of Burkina Faso read a message of the Chairman of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

The representative of Algeria read a message of the Chairman of the Organization of African Unity.

The Under-Secretary-General of the League of Arab States read a message of the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States.

Mr. Don Betz read a message, on behalf of the international network of non-governmental organizations on the question of Palestine.

Messages on the occasion were received from the Heads of State of the following countries: Afghanistan, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Cyprus, Ecuador, Egypt, Guinea, Guyana, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Namibia, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Viet Nam.

Messages were received from the Heads of Government of the following countries: Bangladesh, China, India, Lesotho, Malaysia, Malta, Pakistan, Thailand and Turkey.

Messages were received from the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the following countries: Argentina, Colombia, Japan, Madagascar, Malaysia, Morocco, Nigeria, Oman, Syrian Arab Republic and Ukraine.

Messages were received from the Governments of the United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay and Zimbabwe.

A message was received from the Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity and the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

A message was received from Federación Palestina del Perú, a non-governmental organization.

A statement was made by the Head of the Political Department of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

A concluding statement was made by the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 1999

46th meeting

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

The Committee continued and concluded the public part of its consideration of the third periodic report of Mexico (E/1994/104/Add.18). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

47th (closed) meeting

The Committee held a preliminary discussion of concluding observations on the report of Mexico.

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [3]

The Committee discussed its statement to the WTO Ministerial Conference and its contribution to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance.

MONDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 1999

48th and 49th meetings

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [3]

The Committee considered and adopted General Comment No. 13 on the right to education (Article 13 of the Covenant).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Signature: Fiji (29 November 1999)
Ratification: Fiji (29 November 1999)*

Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations. Tampere, 18 June 1998

Signature: India (29 November 1999)

Ratification: India (29 November 1999)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Background briefings

In addition to the daily noon press briefing given by the Spokesman for the Secretary-General, all background briefings given to the press may now be viewed by delegations in Viewing Room 4, which is located in the corridor connecting the Viennese Cafe with the public concourse.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibit

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian art exhibit entitled "Follow the Star: Images from the Palestinian City of Bethlehem at the New Millennium", in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed until Sunday, 12 December 1999, at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

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World AIDS Day

An observance of World AIDS Day will be held on Wednesday, 1 December 1999, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The theme is "The Children Left Behind," children who have been orphaned by the AIDS-related deaths of one or both parents. Speakers include the President of the General Assembly, the Deputy Secretary-General, United States First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, H.M. Queen Noor Al Hussein of Jordan and UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador Harry Belafonte. Three children orphaned by AIDS, from the United States, Uganda and Thailand, will tell their stories to Children's Express Reporter Alexandra Berke, followed by two panels: "Child care, Child welfare and clinical issues" and "Finance and funding issues". The observance is co-sponsored by Department of Public Information (DPI), the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Inc. (BLCA), the Magic Johnson Foundation, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the World Bank, the White House Office of National AIDS Policy and the Global Health Council. Delegations and accredited media are welcome; Secretariat staff and NGOs will be admitted, space permitting, to the public gallery.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 1 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 68th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. The situation in the Middle East [43]:

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/54/457, A/54/495)

   (b) Draft resolutions (A/54/L.40, A/54/L.41)

2. Question of Palestine [44]:

   (a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/54/35)

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(continued overleaf)

Announcement

The monthly tentative forecast has been made available to Member States in accordance with the Notes by the President of the Security Council dated 27 July 1993 (S/26176) and 30 April 1998 (S/1998/354). In accordance with the aforementioned decisions, copies of the tentative forecast have been placed in the delegations' boxes and may be collected at the delegations' "pick-up area".

3 p.m. 69th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Reduction of military budgets: report of the First Committee (A/54/551) [64]

2. Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/54/552) [65]

3. Question of Antarctica: report of the First Committee (A/54/553) [66]

4. Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament and non-proliferation agreements: report of the First Committee (A/54/554) [67]

5. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification: report of the First Committee (A/54/555) [68]

6. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace: report of the First Committee (A/54/556) [69]

7. African Nuclear-Weapon-Free-Zone Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/54/557) [70]

8. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security: report of the First Committee (A/54/558) [71]

9. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/54/559) [72]

10. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/54/560) [73]

11. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/54/561) [74]

12. Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the First Committee (A/54/562) [75]

13. General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/54/563) [76]

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SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. — 44th meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

   (c) Trade and development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.37 and L.56

   (d) Science and technology for development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.4 and L.48

2. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

   (c) Women in development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.21 and L.52

   (d) Human resources development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.10 and L.57

   (e) International migration and development, including the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.11 and L.53

3. Environment and sustainable development [100]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.7 and L.51

   (a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.14 and L.58

   (c) Convention on Biological Diversity

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.15 and L.55

   (d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.18 and L.54

   (f) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.23 and L.50

4. Operational activities for development [101]

   (b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.6 and L.49

5. Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/54/520)

Morning*-1 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 1

Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.13 (*item 99 (b)*), A/C.2/54/L.27 (*item 98 (a)*), A/C.2/54/L.34 (*item 98 (b)*), A/C.2/54/L.35 (*item 98 (b)*) and resolution 17/1 of the Commission on Human Settlements (*item 99 (b)*)

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* Immediately following the adjournment of the 44th meeting of the Committee.

3 p.m. — 45th meeting — Conference Room 1

Environment and sustainable development [100]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.16 and L.61

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.22 and L.59

(f) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.60

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 1

1. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Roble Olhaye (Djibouti), Chairman of the Committee on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.8 (*item 100 (e)*)

2. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), Vice-Chairman of the Committee on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.19 (*item 104*) and A/C.2/54/L.38 *(item 97 (b))*

3. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.20 (*item 99 (a)*)

4. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.17 (*item 100)*

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* Immediately following the adjournment of the 45th meeting of the Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vols. I, II and III, A/54/7, A/54/16, A/C.5/54/18, A/C.5/54/19, A/53/833, A/C.5/54/20, A/C.5/54/16, A/54/643, A/C.5/54/15, A/C.5/54/27, A/C.5/54/17, A/C.5/54/21, A/53/955, A/C.5/54/25, A/53/794, A/C.5/54/14, A/C.5/51/57 and A/52/7/Add.2))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 125 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/54/11))

6.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (Pattern of Conferences (A/54/32, A/54/176, A/54/208, A/54/221, A/54/262, A/C.5/54/28, A/53/833, A/53/919 and Corr.1 (French only), and Add.1 and Corr.1 (Russian only), and Add.2 and Corr.1 (French only), A/54/7, A/52/1000, A/52/7, A/53/257, A/51/946, A/52/685, A/53/16 and A/53/669))

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Third session

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the rules of procedure and evidence (Parts 9 and 10 of the Statute)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on elements of crimes

WORKING GROUP ON ELEMENTS OF CRIMES

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	Conference Room 2

WORKING GROUP ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND EVIDENCE RELATED TO PARTS 9 AND 10 OF THE STATUTE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	Conference Room 2

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft report
2. Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.36: International Civilian Mission in Haiti/International Civilian Support Mission in Haiti
3. Internal and external printing practices at the Organization
4. Rental of the United Nations premises by press and other entities
5. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of the fifty-first session: Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.7/Rev.1

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 24

The delegation of Greece invites all delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin", to be held *today*, 1 December 1999, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (a)

The delegation of Sweden invites all delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance to the United Nations", to be held *today*, 1 December 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Informal consultations on agenda item 39

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the General Assembly draft resolution on the "Code of Democratic Conduct" under agenda item 39 (Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies) *today*, 1 December 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultation on agenda item 20 (b)

The delegation of Ukraine, on behalf of co-sponsors, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on the economic assistance to the Eastern European States affected by the recent developments on the territory of the former Yugoslavia, to be held *today*, 1 December 1999, at 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations *today*, 1 December 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The informal consultations will focus on the basic structure of the outcome of the session, as well as modalities for participation by non-governmental organizations. Further consultations will be held on Thursday, 2 December, at 10 a.m., and on Friday, 3 December 1999, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 1 December 1999

ARAB GROUP OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WESTERN AFRICAN STATES (ECOWAS)

1.30 p.m.-2.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

COORDINATING BUREAU

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(coordination meeting: financing for development (A/C.2/54/L.25); and all other pending issues)

6 p.m.-8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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The Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations will conduct a consultation on the evolving relationship between non-governmental organizations and the United Nations, *today*, 1 December 1999, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 1 December 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 2 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	46th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	47th meeting	Conference Room 2
Afternoon**	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the 46th meeting of the Second Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the 47th meeting of the Second Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark) on Thursday, 2 December 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Informal consultations on agenda item 35

The delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the European Union draft resolution on "Assistance in mine action" on Thursday, 2 December 1999, at approximately 4 p.m. (right after the informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark)), in Conference Room 7.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

There will be a briefing by H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran), Coordinator of the open-ended informal consultations of the General Assembly on the report of the Secretary-General on environment and human settlements (A/53/463), on Thursday, 2 December 1999, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The Coordinator will brief delegations on his report on these consultations which can be retrieved from the Web Site of the Iranian Mission at the following address: http://www.un.int/iran (Second Committee - Statements).

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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The 1999 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission will take place on Thursday, 2 December 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. All Member States are invited to attend.

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COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES

The Committee on Conferences will hold its 426th meeting on Thursday, 2 December 1999, from 6 to 6.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8, to review a proposal affecting the draft calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000-2001 in accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 35/10 A (A/AC.172/1999/CRP.11).

In accordance with the procedure established by the Committee on Conferences at its 423rd meeting, on 1 September 1999, as reflected in paragraphs 172 to 175 of A/54/32, non-members who wish to participate as observers are invited to send a request in writing to the Secretary of the Committee on Conferences (fax: (212) 963-7405).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Economic and Social Council, to consider all outstanding matters, will take place on Thursday, 9 December 1999, at 10.30 a.m. Informal consultations on pending issues will take place under the chairmanship of the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. F. Paolo Fulci (Italy), on Monday, 6 December, at 3 p.m. The conference room will be announced.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 2.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 2000* on Friday, 10 December 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be meetings of the Arab Group of the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court until 3 December 1999, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room A.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Thursday, 2 December 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room A.

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Briefings

A briefing for non-governmental organizations (NGOs), entitled "Accessibility for All for the Millennium", organized by the NGO Section of the Department of Public Information (DPI), will take place on Thursday, 2 December 1999, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 2. The briefing will commemorate the International Day of Disabled Persons. Members of permanent missions, representatives of non- governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The course will be held from Monday, 6 to Wednesday, 15 December 1999.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent missions of all States that will be members of the Council in the year 2000. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Workshops

The first in a series of DPI/NGO Communications Workshops entitled "Funding Partnerships at the United Nations" and "Fundamentals of Grant Writing", organized by the NGO Section of the Department of Public Information (DPI), will be held on Thursday, 2 December 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Speakers will include representatives of the United Nations system and NGOs. Participation is by registration only. More information can be obtained on the United Nations Web Site at www.un.org/MoreInfo/ngolink/dpingo.htm or by calling (212) 963-7078 or 963-7709.

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The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing, jointly with the German Management Academy (DMAN) and with support from the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), the second session in the series entitled "Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainable Development". Session II will be on "Financing for Development Through Public-Private Partnership." The workshop will be held on the following dates: Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 8 December, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, a nomination form and a draft programme, was addressed to all the permanent missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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There will be a technical workshop, organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the Program on Security and Development (SAND) of the Monterrey Institute of International Studies (MIIS) and the Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC), on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss a draft Light Weapons Field Guide for Development and Humanitarian Relief Workers being developed by SAND and BICC. The workshop will be chaired by the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala. Members of permanent missions and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. Copies of the draft Field Guide may be retrieved from the office of Mr. David Biggs, Conventional Arms Branch, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3170G; tel.: (212) 963-5598).

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Special presentation

There will be a presentation on "Social Policy in a Development Context" by Mr. Thandika Mkandawire, Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), on Friday, 3 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting, to be chaired by H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile), is organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Fei Cheng (tel.: (212) 963-7882).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 30 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

4072nd (resumed) meeting

Role of the Security Council in the prevention of armed conflicts

Upon resumption of the meeting, the Council heard statements by the representatives of Egypt, Liechtenstein, Zambia, Nigeria, New Zealand, Bangladesh, Senegal, Norway, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan, Ukraine, Iraq and Croatia.

The President made a statement in his capacity as the representative of Slovenia.

4073rd meeting

Role of the Security Council in the prevention of armed conflicts

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1999/34).

4074th meeting

The situation concerning Haiti

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti (S/1999/908)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti (S/1999/1184)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Haiti and Venezuela, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1999/1202, which had been submitted by Argentina, Brazil, Canada, France, the United States of America and Venezuela.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the representative of Haiti.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1999/1202) before it.

Before the vote, a statement was made by the representative of the Russian Federation.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1999/1202) received 14 votes in favour, none against with one abstention (Russian Federation), and was adopted as resolution 1277 (1999).

Following the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, the United States, Brazil, China and Canada.

4075th meeting

Date of an election to fill a vacancy in the International Court of Justice (S/1999/1197)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement in which he drew the attention to the text of a draft resolution (S/1999/1205), which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to take a decision on the draft resolution contained in document S/1999/1205.

Decision: The draft resolution was adopted without a vote as resolution 1278 (1999).

4076th meeting

The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Second report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Preliminary Deployment in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/1999/1116 and Corr.1)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1999/1207, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1999/1207) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1999/1207) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1279 (1999).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

66th plenary meeting

Question of Palestine [44]:

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/54/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/457)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/54/L.42, A/54/L.43, A/54/L.44, A/54/L.45)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 44.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Arab Emirates, Cuba, India, Burkina Faso, Bangladesh, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Sri Lanka, Guyana, Pakistan, Namibia, Indonesia, Botswana and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The situation in the Middle East [43]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/54/457, A/54/495)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/54/L.40, A/54/L.41)

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Rumania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Saudi Arabia, the United States, Malaysia and Nigeria.

The representative of Egypt made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/54/L.40 and A/54/L.41.

The representative of Kuwait made a statement.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that agenda item 46 (Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa) would be taken up on Wednesday, 8 December, in the morning, and that Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 49(b) (the Millennium Assembly of the United Nations) would be held in Conference Room 1, on Tuesday, 14 December, in the morning.

67th plenary meeting

The situation in the Middle East [43]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/54/457, A/54/495)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/54/L.40, A/54/L.41)

Statements were made by the representatives of Israel, Yemen, Ukraine, Cyprus and Cuba.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Australia, Mauritania, Turkey, Brunei Darussalam, Ghana, Belarus, India, Peru, Japan, Jordan, Senegal, Norway and the Russian Federation.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Egypt, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the United Arab Emirates.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that on Monday, 6 December 1999 in the morning, it would consider under agenda item 8, the third report of the General Committee (A/54/250/Add.2) and two notes by the Secretary-General (A/54/236 and A/54/624). The Assembly would also take up agenda item 167 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization). The Assembly was also informed that a draft resolution would be issued under agenda item 167 as document A/54/L.48. The Assembly was further informed that draft resolution A/54/L.5 and the amendment thereto contained in document A/54/L.10 had been withdrawn.

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 40th meeting

Human resources management [164]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Togo, Bangladesh, the Russian Federation, the United States, Ethiopia, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Japan, Thailand, Croatia and Cuba.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would be announced at later date.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [118]

Human resources management [164]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

Gratis personnel

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Cuba, the United States and Pakistan.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on the question of gratis personnel.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would be announced at later date.

Programme planning [120]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, H.E. Mr.Tommo Monthe (Cameroon), introduced the relevant parts of that Committee's report (A/54/16).

The reports of the Secretary-General were contained in A/54/89, A/54/117, A/54/125 and A/C.5/54/12.

In the absence of speakers, the Committee concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would be announced at later date.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Revised estimates arising out of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1999

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions replied to questions raised at the 39th meeting of the Fifth Committee held on Friday, 19 November 1999.

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, Algeria and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The Chairman made a statement.

Pattern of conferences [124]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Assistant Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services introduced the note by the Secretary-General on career development in language services - measures aimed at reducing excessive vacancy rates at some duty stations: elements of a system of managed assignments (A/C.5/54/28).

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee agreed to consider the note in the context of the informal consultations on agenda item 124.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), China, the United Republic of Tanzania and Cuba.

The Chairman also made a statement.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 1999

50th and 51st (closed) meetings

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

The Committee considered and adopted concluding observations on Bulgaria and began its consideration of the concluding observations on Argentina.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Constitution of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity. Bangkok, 27 March 1976

Accession: Fiji (29 November 1999)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Amendment to article 11, paragraph 2 (a), of the Constitution of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity. Bangkok, 13 November 1981

Participation: Fiji (29 November 1999)*

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 10 October 1980

Accession: Senegal (29 November 1999)*

Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996) and Protocol III annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 3 May 1996

Consent to be bound: Senegal (29 November 1999)*

Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996) annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 3 May 1996

Consent to be bound: Slovakia (30 November 1999)*

Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV, entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons). Vienna, 13 October 1995

Consent to be bound: Slovakia (30 November 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Background briefings

In addition to the daily noon press briefing given by the Spokesman for the Secretary-General, all background briefings given to the press may now be viewed by delegations in Viewing Room 4, which is located in the corridor connecting the Viennese Cafe with the public concourse.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibit

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian art exhibit entitled "Follow the Star: Images from the Palestinian City of Bethlehem at the New Millennium", in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed until Sunday, 12 December 1999, at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

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World AIDS Day

An observance of World AIDS Day will be held *today*, 1 December 1999, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The theme is "The Children Left Behind," children who have been orphaned by the AIDS-related deaths of one or both parents. Speakers include the President of the General Assembly, the Deputy Secretary-General, United States First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, H.M. Queen Noor Al Hussein of Jordan and UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador Harry Belafonte. Three children orphaned by AIDS, from the United States, Uganda and Thailand, will tell their stories to Children's Express Reporter Alexandra Berke, followed by two panels: "Child care, Child welfare and clinical issues" and "Finance and funding issues". The observance is co-sponsored by Department of Public Information (DPI), the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Inc. (BLCA), the Magic Johnson Foundation, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the World Bank, the White House Office of National AIDS Policy and the Global Health Council. Delegations and accredited media are welcome; Secretariat staff and NGOs will be admitted, space permitting, to the public gallery.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December 1999 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Cameroun
H.E. Mr. Martin Belinga-Eboutou

Asian States:
Bangladesh
H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury

Eastern European States:
Czech Republic
H.E. Mr. Vladimir Galuška

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Saint Lucia
H.E. Mr. Julian Robert Hunte

Western European and other States:
Luxembourg
H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 2 December 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Programme of work

Cyprus

Briefing by Mr. Alvaro de Soto, Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on Cyprus

Iraq (oil-for-food programme)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

1. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.39 *(item 99 (f))* and resolution 17/I of the Commission on Human Settlements *(item 99 (b))*

2. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.17 *(item 100)*

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol. I, II and III, A/54/7, A/54/16, A/C.5/54/18, A/C.5/54/19, A/53/833, A/C.5/54/20, A/C.5/54/16, A/54/643, A/C.5/54/15, A/C.5/54/27, A/C.5/54/17, A/C.5/54/21, A/53/955, A/C.5/54/25, A/53/794, A/C.5/54/14, A/C.5/51/57 and A/52/7/Add.2))

6.30 p.m.-9 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 163 (Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B)

9.30 p.m.-midnight	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol. I, II and III, A/54/7, A/54/16, A/C.5/54/18, A/C.5/54/19, A/53/833, A/C.5/54/20, A/C.5/54/16, A/54/643, A/C.5/54/15, A/C.5/54/27, A/C.5/54/17, A/C.5/54/21, A/53/955, A/C.5/54/25, A/53/794, A/C.5/54/14, A/C.5/51/57 and A/52/7/Add.2))

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Third session

9 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the rules of procedure and evidence (Part 4 of the Statute)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on elements of crimes

WORKING GROUP ON ELEMENTS OF CRIMES

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Conference Room 4

WORKING GROUP ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND EVIDENCE RELATED TO PART 7 OF THE STATUTE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Conference Room 4

DISARMAMENT COMMISSION

Organizational session

10 a.m.-1 p.m	232nd meeting	Conference Room 1

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES

6 p.m.-6.30 p.m.	426th meeting	Conference Room 8

Review of a proposal affecting the draft calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000-2001 in accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 35/10 A (A/AC.172/1999/CRP.11)

[In accordance with the procedure established by the Committee on Conferences at its 423rd meeting, on 1 September 1999, as reflected in paragraphs 172 to 175 of A/54/32, non-members who wish to participate as observers are invited to send a request in writing to the Secretary of the Committee on Conferences (fax: (212) 963-7405).]

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft reports
2. Procurement-related arbitration
3. Demonstration of language-related computer equipment

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 39

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the General Assembly draft resolution on the "Code of Democratic Conduct" under agenda item 39 (Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies) *today*, 2 December 1999, at from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on agenda item 35

The delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the European Union draft resolution on "Assistance in mine action" *today*, 2 December 1999, at approximately 4 p.m. (right after the informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark)), in Conference Room 7.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

There will be a briefing by H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran), Coordinator of the open-ended informal consultations of the General Assembly on the report of the Secretary-General on environment and human settlements (A/53/463), *today*, 2 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The Coordinator will brief delegations on his report on these consultations which can be retrieved from the Web Site of the Iranian Mission at the following address: http://www.un.int/iran (Second Committee - Statements).

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations *today*, 2 December 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The informal consultations will focus on the basic structure of the outcome of the session, as well as modalities for participation by non-governmental organizations. Further consultations will be held on Friday, 3 December 1999, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 2 December 1999

ARAB GROUP OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77

(on the proposed outcome of the session on "Women 2000")

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

(coordination meeting: on business and development (A/C.2/54/L.35); and on all other pending issues))

9.30 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E
6 p.m.-8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE

(at the ambassadorial level)

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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Briefing

A briefing for non-governmental organizations, entitled "Accessibility for All for the Millennium", organized by the NGO Section of the Department of Public Information (DPI), will take place *today*, 2 December 1999, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 2. The briefing will commemorate the International Day of Disabled Persons. Members of permanent missions, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshops

The first in a series of DPI/NGO Communications Workshops entitled "Funding Partnerships at the United Nations" and "Fundamentals of Grant Writing", organized by the NGO Section of the Department of Public Information (DPI), will be held *today*, 2 December 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Speakers will include representatives of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations. Participation is by registration only. More information can be obtained on the United Nations Web site at the following address: www.un.org/MoreInfo/ngolink/dpingo.htm (or by calling (212) 963-7078 or 963-7709).

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 1 December 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 3 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	46th meeting	Conference Room 2
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the 46th meeting of the Second Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	41st meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 41st meeting of the Fifth Committee.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

3.30 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 7

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 162

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the General Assembly draft resolution A/54/L.7 on agenda item 162 (Observer status for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources in the General Assembly) on Friday, 3 December 1999, at 9.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on agenda item 24

The Permanent Mission of Greece invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin", to be held on Friday, 3 December 1999, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room D.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

In view of the continuation of the work of the Second Committee, the meeting of the Economic and Social Council scheduled for Thursday, 9 December, has been postponed to Tuesday, 14 December. Accordingly, informal consultations by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. F. Paolo Fulci (Italy), will be held on Friday, 10 December, and Monday, 13 December (conference room and time to be announced). The provisional agenda will be as follows:

1. Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Administrative Committee on Coordination (E/1999/288 and Add.1)
2. International cooperation in tax matters (E/1999/84)
3. Programme of work for the Committee on Development Policy (E/1999/33)
4. Advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the difference relating to immunity from legal process of a Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights (E/1999/121)
5. Strengthening the role of the Economic and Social Council as the central mechanism for the coordination of the activities of the specialized agencies (Articles 63 and 64 of the Charter of the United Nations)

6. Election of five members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme

   Election of two members of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

7. Other matters

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 2.

United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 2000* on Friday, 10 December 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court on Friday, 3 December 1999, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room A.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G on "Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures" on Wednesday, 8 December 1999, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E. The meeting will review the status of ongoing projects of practical disarmament and will hear new proposals in this field. The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The course will be held from Monday, 6 to Wednesday, 15 December 1999.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent missions of all States that will be members of the Council in the year 2000. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Workshops

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing, jointly with the German Management Academy (DMAN) and with support from the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), the second session in the series entitled "Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainable Development". Session II will be on "Financing for Development Through Public-Private Partnership." The workshop will be held on the following dates: Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 8 December, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, a nomination form and a draft programme, was addressed to all the permanent missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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There will be a technical workshop, organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the Program on Security and Development (SAND) of the Monterey Institute of International Studies (MIIS) and the Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC), on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss a draft Light Weapons Field Guide for Development and Humanitarian Relief Workers being developed by SAND and BICC. The workshop will be chaired by the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala. Members of permanent missions and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. Copies of the draft Field Guide may be retrieved from the office of Mr. David Biggs, Conventional Arms Branch, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3170G; tel.: (212) 963-5598).

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Special presentation

Th presentation on "Social Policy in a Development Context", organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, scheduled for Friday, 3 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8, has been cancelled.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 1 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

68th plenary meeting

The situation in the Middle East [43]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/54/457, A/54/495)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/54/L.40, A/54/L.41)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 43.

Statements were made by the representatives of Chile, Indonesia, Lebanon, Oman, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Republic of Korea, Argentina and Qatar.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 3369 (XXX) of 10 October 1975, the observer for the Organization of the Islamic Conference made a statement.

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions A/54/L.40 and L.41.

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A/54/L.40 (recorded vote) (resolution 54/37)	139	1	3
Draft resolution A/54/L.41 (recorded vote) (resolution 54/38)	92	2	53

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union) and Argentina.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Lebanon and Israel.

Statements on points of order were made by the representatives of Bolivia and Benin.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 43.

Question of Palestine [44]:

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/54/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/457)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/54/L.42, A/54/L.43, A/54/L.44, A/54/L.45)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 44.

The representative of Senegal made a statement in the course of which he orally corrected draft resolution A/54/L.45.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the United States and Israel.

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions A/54/L.42, L.43, L.44 and L.45.

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A/54/L.42 (recorded vote) (resolution 54/39)	105	3	48
Draft resolution A/54/L.43 (recorded vote) (resolution 54/40)	107	3	47
Draft resolution A/54/L.44 (recorded vote) (resolution 54/41)	151	3	2
Draft resolution A/54/L.45, as orally corrected (recorded vote) (resolution 54/42)	149	3	2

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Mexico and Finland (on behalf of the European Union).

Statements on points of order were made by the representatives of the Republic of Moldova and Burkina Faso.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 44.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that, on Thursday, 9 December, in the morning, in addition to the items already scheduled, it would also consider agenda item 54 (Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986), agenda item 55 (Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security), agenda item 56 (Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait), agenda item 57 (Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations) and agenda item 58 (Launching of global negotiation on international economic cooperation for development).

69th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 69th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1999/232).

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 44th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

(c) Trade and development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.37 and L.56

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and the Secretary read out a statement of programme budget implications on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.56.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.56.

The representative of Lao People's Republic corrected the French text.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.37 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

(d) Science and technology for development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.4 and L.48

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.48.

The representative of France corrected the French version of the text.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.4 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 97 (d).

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

(c) Women in development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.21 and L.52

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), introduced and revised draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.52.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.21 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted a draft decision taking note of documents A/54/156-E/1999/102 and A/54/156/Add.1-E/1999/102/Add.1.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 99 (c).

(d) Human resources development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.10 and L.57

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.57.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.10 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 99 (d).

(e) International migration and development, including the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.11 and L.53

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), introduced and revised draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.53.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States and the Philippines.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.11 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 99 (e).

Environment and sustainable development [100]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.7 and L.51

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.51.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.7 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.14 and L.58

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.58.

The representative of India corrected the text.

A statement was made by the representative of Canada.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.14 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted a draft decision taking note of document A/54/131-E/1999/75.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 100 (a).

(c) Convention on Biological Diversity

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.15 and L.55

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.55.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.15 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 100 (c).

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.18 and L.54

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and the Secretary read out a statement of programme budget implications on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.54.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.54.

A statement was made by the representative of the United States.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.18 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 100 (d).

(f) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.23 and L.50

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.50.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

The representative of Canada informed the Committee that his delegation would have co-sponsored the draft resolution before it became a Vice-Chairman's text.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.23 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Operational activities for development [101]

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.6 and L.49

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.49.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.6 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted a decision taking note of documents A/54/39 and A/54/225.

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

The Chairman informed the Committee that no proposals had been submitted under this sub-item.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 101 (a) and (b).

Report of the Economic and Social Council

The Chairman brought to the attention of the Committee, for its information, document A/54/520.

The representative of Algeria made a statement.

The Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination responded to questions raised.

Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

(c) Trade and development

The Chairman informed the Committee that the delegation of the Slovak Republic would have abstained from voting on A/C.2/54/L.40, had they been present. Had the delegation of Ethiopia been present during the vote, his delegation would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [103]

The Chairman informed the Committee that the delegation of Panama would have voted in favour of A/C.2/54/L.32, had they been present during the vote.

45th meeting

Environment and sustainable development [100]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.16 and L.61

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.61.

The representative of Zimbabwe amended the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.16 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

A statement was made by the representative of Zimbabwe.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.22 and L.59

The Chairman informed the Committee that the draft resolutions should be considered under agenda item 100, without reference to a sub-item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.59.

The representative of Benin corrected the French text.

The representative of the Russian Federation amended the text.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.22 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

(f) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.60

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Daul Matute (Peru), introduced the draft resolution.

The representative of Canada corrected the text.

A statement was made by the representative of Barbados.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 100 (f).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 1 DECEMBER 1999

52nd and 53rd meetings

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

The Committee considered and adopted concluding observations on Argentina and Armenia in closed session.

Submission of reports by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant [8]

The Committee considered the item in closed session.

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rigths to the Economic and Social Council [10]

The Committee discussed and adopted a part of its report.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendments to the Agreement establishing the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development, Islamabad, 21 July 1999

Acceptance: Iran (Islamic Republic of) (30 November 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 2 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Background briefings

In addition to the daily noon press briefing given by the Spokesman for the Secretary-General, all background briefings given to the press may now be viewed by delegations in Viewing Room 4, which is located in the corridor connecting the Viennese Cafe with the public concourse.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibit

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian art exhibit entitled "Follow the Star: Images from the Palestinian City of Bethlehem at the New Millennium", in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed until Sunday, 12 December 1999, at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 3 December 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Burundi

Briefing by the Secretariat

Iraq (S/1999/1215)

Other matters

Morning*	4077th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

   Report of he Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 6 of the Security Council resolution 1242 (1999) (S/1999/1162 and Corr.1)

   Letter dated 17 November 1999 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait (S/1999/1177)

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* To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	46th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Sectoral policy questions [98]

   (a) Industrial development cooperation

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.27 and L.64

2. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

   (a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.20 and L.63

   (b) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.13 and L.66

   Action on resolution 17/1 contained in the report of the Com- mission on Human Settlements on the work of its seventeenth session (5-14 May 1999) (A/54/8)

3. Environment and sustainable development [100]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.17 and L.67

   (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.8 and L.62

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.34 *(item 98 (b))*, A/C.2/54/L.35 *(item 98 (b))* and A/C.2/54/L.39 *(item 99 (f))*

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* Immediately following the adjournment of the 46th meeting of the Second Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	41st meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

   Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.27 (A/C.5/54/32 and Corr.1)

   Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.24/Rev.1 (A/C.5/54/34)

   Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.7/Rev.1 (A/C.5/54/35)

   Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.42/Rev.1 (A/C.5/54/31 and Add.1*)

2. Organization of work

3. Other matters

Morning**- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/54/5/Add.5, A/54/140 and Add.1, A/54/159 and Corr.1, A/54/164, A/54/165, A/54/441, A/C.5/54/3 and A/54/7))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 125 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/54/11))

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* To be issued.

** Following the adjournment of the 41st meeting of the Fifth Committee.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

3.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 7

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Third session

9 a.m.-11 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the rules of procedure and evidence (Part 7 of the Statute)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the rules of procedure and evidence (Parts 9 and 10 of the Statute)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on elements of crimes

WORKING GROUP ON ELEMENTS OF CRIMES

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Conference Room 4

WORKING GROUP ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND EVIDENCE RELATED TO PART 4 OF THE STATUTE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Conference Room 4

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

1. Draft report
2. Death and disability benefits
3. Analysis of the organizational structure and the personnel and technical resources of the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the United Nations Secretariat

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 162

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the General Assembly draft resolution A/54/L.7 on agenda item 162 (Observer status for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources in the General Assembly) *today*, 3 December 1999, at 9.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal consultation on agenda item 20 (b)

The delegation of Ukraine, on behalf of co-sponsors, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on the economic assistance to the Eastern European States affected by the recent developments in the Balkan region, to be held *today*, 3 December 1999, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

There will be meeting for informal consultations on the draft resolution on emergency assistance to the Sudan *today*, 3 December 1999, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on agenda item 24

The Permanent Mission of Greece invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin", to be held *today*, 3 December 1999, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20

The Permanent Mission of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77, China and Mexico) invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on "International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters from relief to development", to be held *today*, 3 December 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations *today*, 3 December 1999, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Conference Room 1. The informal consultations will focus on the basic structure of the outcome of the session, as well as modalities for participation by non-governmental organizations.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 3 December 1999

ARAB GROUP OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77
(on the proposed outcome of the session on "Women 2000")

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

1.10 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m.-2.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(coordination meeting: on debt (A/C.2/54/L.2); globalization (A/C.2/54/L.19); financing for development (A/C.2/54/L.25 and L.38); and on all pending issues))

6 p.m.-8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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The Southern Africa Development Community will hold informal consultations on the International Criminal Court *today*, 3 December 1999, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room D.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 1 December 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 6 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 70th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly and allocation of items [8]:

   (a) Third report of the General Committee (A/54/250/Add.2)

   (b) Request for the inclusion of an additional item: note by the Secretary-General (A/54/236 and Add.1)

   (c) Request for the reopening of the consideration of agenda item 15 (c): note by the Secretary-General (A/54/624)

2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/537) [30]

3. Multilingualism [23]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/478)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.37)

3 p.m. 71st PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]:

   (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (A/54/23 (Parts I-III))

   (b) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/54/337, A/54/119, A/54/219)

   (c) Draft resolutions (A/54/L.50, A/54/23 (Part III), Chapter XIII, G-para.7)

2. Effects of atomic radiation: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/573) [86]

3. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/574) [87]

4. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/575) [88]

5. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/576) [89]

6. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/577) [90]

7. Questions relating to information: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/578) [91]

8. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/579) [92]

9. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories; implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/580) [93 and 18]

10. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations; report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/581) [94 and 12]

11. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/582) [95]

12. Question of East Timor: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/583) [96]

13. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/584) [18]

14. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: draft resolutions (A/54/L.50, A/54/23 (Part III), Chapter XIII, G-para.7) [18]

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	42nd meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 42nd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Wednesday, 8 December 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

In view of the continuation of the work of the Second Committee, the meeting of the Economic and Social Council scheduled for Thursday, 9 December, has been postponed to Tuesday, 14 December. Accordingly, informal consultations by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. F. Paolo Fulci (Italy), will be held on Friday, 10 December, and Monday, 13 December (conference room and time to be announced). The provisional agenda will be as follows:

1. Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Administrative Committee on Coordination (E/1999/288 and Add.1)

2. International cooperation in tax matters (E/1999/84)

3. Programme of work for the Committee on Development Policy (E/1999/33)

4. Advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the difference relating to immunity from legal process of a Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights (E/1999/121)

5. Strengthening the role of the Economic and Social Council as the central mechanism for the coordination of the activities of the specialized agencies (Articles 63 and 64 of the Charter of the United Nations)

6. Election of five members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme

   Election of two members of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

7. Other matters

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 1.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 2000* on Friday, 10 December 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

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There will be an extraordinary meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Wednesday, 8 December 1999, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G on "Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures" on Wednesday, 8 December 1999, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E. The meeting will review the status of ongoing projects of practical disarmament and will hear new proposals in this field. The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The course will be held from Monday, 6 to Wednesday, 15 December 1999.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent missions of all States that will be members of the Council in the year 2000. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Workshops

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing, jointly with the German Management Academy (DMAN) and with support from the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), the second session in the series entitled "Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainable Development". Session II will be on "Financing for Development Through Public-Private Partnership." The workshop will be held on the following dates: Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 8 December, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, a nomination form and a draft programme, was addressed to all the permanent missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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There will be a technical workshop, organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the Program on Security and Development (SAND) of the Monterey Institute of International Studies (MIIS) and the Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC), on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss a draft Light Weapons Field Guide for Development and Humanitarian Relief Workers being developed by SAND and BICC. The workshop will be chaired by the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala. Members of permanent missions and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. Copies of the draft Field Guide may be retrieved from the office of Mr. David Biggs, Conventional Arms Branch, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3170G; tel.: (212) 963-5598).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 1 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

69th plenary meeting

Reports of the First Committee

The Rapporteur of the First Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 64 to 85.

Reduction of military budgets: report of the First Committee (A/54/551) [64]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/54/551) (resolution 54/43).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 64.

Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/54/552) [65]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/54/552) (resolution 54/44).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 65.

Question of Antarctica: report of the First Committee (A/54/553) [66]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/54/553) (resolution 54/45).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 66.

Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament and non-proliferation agreements: report of the First Committee (A/54/554) [67]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/54/554).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 67.

Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification: report of the First Committee (A/54/555) [68]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/54/555) (resolution 54/46).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 68.

Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace: report of the First Committee (A/54/556) [69]

By 120 votes to 3, with 41 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/54/556) (resolution 54/47).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 69.

African Nuclear-Weapon-Free-Zone Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/54/557) [70]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/54/557) (resolution 54/48).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 70.

Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security: report of the First Committee (A/54/558) [71]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/54/558) (resolution 54/49).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 71.

Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/54/559) [72]

By 98 votes to 46, with 19 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/54/559) (resolution 54/50).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 72.

Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/54/560) [73]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/54/560) (resolution 54/51).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 73.

Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/54/561) [74]

By 111 votes to 0, with 53 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/54/561) (resolution 54/52).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 74.

Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the First Committee (A/54/562) [75]

By 162 votes to 0, with 2 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/54/562) (resolution 54/53).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 75.

General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/54/563) [76]

The General Assembly was informed that action on draft resolution Q contained in paragraph 64 of the report of the First Committee (A/54/563) would be taken at a later date to allow time for the review of its programme budget implications.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Kyrgyzstan and Benin.

The Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions A to P, and R to V recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 64 of its report (A/54/563).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A (recorded vote) (resolution 54/54 A)	80	4	68
Draft resolution B (recorded vote) (resolution 54/54 B)	139	1	20
Draft resolution C (resolution 54/54 C)		adopted	
Draft resolution D Second preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	154	2	4
Draft resolution D Operative paragraph 1 (recorded vote)	158	3	2
Draft resolution D Operative paragraph 9 (recorded vote)	132	1	22
Draft resolution D as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 54/54 D)	153	0	12
Draft resolution E (resolution 54/54 E)		adopted	
Draft resolution F (recorded vote) (resolution 54/54 F	94	0	65
Draft resolution G Operative paragraph 7 (recorded vote)	150	3	2
Draft resolution G Operative paragraph 18 (recorded vote)	149	0	4
Draft resolution G as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 54/54 G)	111	13	39
Draft resolution H (resolution 54/54 H)		adopted	
Draft resolution I Eight preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	156	3	3
Draft resolution I Operative paragraph (4 (b) (recorded vote)	93	50	17
Draft resolution I as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 54/54 I)	97	48	15
Draft resolution J (resolution 54/54 J)		adopted	

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution K (recorded vote) (resolution 54/54 K)	104	43	14
Draft resolution L Operative paragraph 3 (last three words) (recorded vote)	147	2	9
Draft resolution L Operative paragraph 3 as a whole (recorded vote)	147	2	10
Draft resolution L as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 54/54 L)	157	3	4
Draft resolution M (recorded vote) (resolution 54/54 M)	159	1	1
Draft resolution N (resolution 54/54 N)		adopted	
Draft resolution O Operative paragraph (4 (b) (recorded vote)	140	0	16
Draft resolution O Operative paragraph 6 (recorded vote)	139	0	17
Draft resolution O as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 54/54 O)	150	0	12
Draft resolution P (recorded vote) (resolution 54/54 P)	104	41	17
Draft resolution R Operative paragraph 1 (recorded vote)	156	3	3
Draft resolution R Operative paragraph 2 (recorded vote)	107	29	26
Draft resolution R as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 54/54 Q)	114	28	22
Draft resolution S (resolution 54/54 R)		adopted	
Draft resolution T (recorded vote) (resolution 54/54 S)	159	0	4
Draft resolution U (resolution 54/54 T)		adopted	
Draft resolution V (resolution 54/54 U)		adopted	

Statements on points of order were made by the representatives of Ecuador, Lebanon, Venezuela, Turkey, New Zealand, Jordan, Fiji, Uganda and Indonesia.

The Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 65 of its report (A/54/563).

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 76.

Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly [77]:

(a) Report of the First Committee (A/54/564)

(b) Amendments (A/54/L.39)

The representative of Chad made a statement in the course of which he introduced the amendments contained in document A/54/L.39 to draft resolution A contained in paragraph 18 of the report of the First Committee (A/54/564).

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on the draft resolutions recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 18 of its report (A/54/564) and on the amendments contained in document A/54/L.39.

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Amendments (A/54/ L.39) to draft resolution A		adopted	
Draft resolution A as amended (resolution 54/55 A)		adopted	
Draft resolution B (resolution 54/55 B)		adopted	

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution C (resolution 54/55 C)		adopted	
Draft resolution D (recorded vote) (resolution 54/54 D)	104	42	17
Draft resolution E (resolution 54/55 E)		adopted	
Draft resolution F (resolution 54/55 F)		adopted	

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 77.

Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the First Committee (A/54/565) [78]

The representative of Mexico made a statement in the course of which she orally amended draft resolution A contained in paragraph 11 of the document of the First Committee (A/54/565).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions A (as orally amended) and B recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (resolutions 54/56 A and B).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 78.

The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/54/566) [79]

By 148 votes to 3, with 9 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/54/566) (resolution 54/57).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 79.

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: report of the First Committee (A/54/567) [80]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/54/567) (resolution 54/58).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 80.

Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region: report of the First Committee (A/54/568) [81]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/54/568) (resolution 54/59).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 81.

Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco): report of the First Committee (A/54/569) [82]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/54/569) (resolution 54/60).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 82.

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction: report of the First Committee (A/54/570) [83]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/54/570) (resolution 54/61).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 83.

Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security: report of the First Committee (A/54/571) [84]

By 155 votes to 0, with 2 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/54/571) (resolution 54/62).

The Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 11 of the same report.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 84.

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/54/572) [85]

By 158 votes to 0, with 6 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/54/572) (resolution 54/63).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 85.

Thursday, 2 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

DISARMAMENT COMMISSION
Organizational session — 232nd meeting

Opening of the session

The 1999 organizational session of the Commission was opened by the Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Angelica Arce (Mexico).

Adoption of the agenda

The Commission adopted a provisional agenda for the 1999 organizational session, as contained in document A/CN.10/L.45.

Election of the Chairman and other officers

It was decided that further consultations would be held with regard to candidates for the post of the Chairman of the Commission, as well as the vacant posts of the Vice-Chairmen and the Rapporteur.

Adoption of draft provisional agenda

The Commission considered the draft provisional agenda for the 2000 substantive session, as contained in document A/CN.10/1999/CRP.7.

Organizational matters

The Commission established Working Group I, Working Group II and the Committee of the Whole.

The Commission decided to take up the election of the Chairmen of the Working Groups and the Committee of the Whole at a later date after the agreement had been reached as to the substantive items to be discussed at the 2000 session of the Commission.

Substantive items for the 2000 session

It was decided that consultations would continue on this matter and the decision would be taken at a resumed organizational session of the Commission, no later than 15 January.

Duration and dates for 2000 session

At the suggestion of the European Union, the Commission decided to hold consultations on the possible reduction of the duration of 2000 session from three to two weeks. In this connection, the Secretary of the Commission was asked to present the calendar of meetings and conferences for the next year, as well as the chart of available services in the second part of year 2000.

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES — 426th meeting

Review of a proposal affecting the draft calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000-2001 in accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 35/10 A

A statement was made by the representative of Japan.

The Committee concluded its consideration of the item.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 2 DECEMBER 1999

54th and 55th (closed) meetings

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

The Committee considered and adopted concluding observations on Mexico and Cameroon.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Ratification: Bolivia (30 November 1999)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Background briefings

In addition to the daily noon press briefing given by the Spokesman for the Secretary-General, all background briefings given to the press may now be viewed by delegations in Viewing Room 4, which is located in the corridor connecting the Viennese Cafe with the public concourse.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibit

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian art exhibit entitled "Follow the Star: Images from the Palestinian City of Bethlehem at the New Millennium", in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed until Sunday, 12 December 1999, at the Public Lobby of the General As-sembly Building.

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